

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 1986, AT 7:00 P.M.
IN ROOM H-769, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-58-D1: Nicaraguan Coffee Documentation
BD-58-D2: External Committee Report on the Meeting of the University
Coalition for the Quality of Education

1.1 Roll Call:

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Karen Takacs
Scott White

Commerce:

Scott Bergen
Aris Kekedjian

Engineering:

Patrick Douek
Louis Hotte

Arts and Science:

Jeannette Chayer
Glen Cheverie (8:15)
Mark Legault
Jim Locke
Effie Panousos (9:15)
Linda Piovesan
Bettina Rosenberg (9:35)
Morty Shapiro
Emma Tibaldo

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Maria Calderone (W/R), Joe Fortune, Mike Foster.
Commerce: Karen Ashton (W/R), Andrew Bayouk, Lyse Edery, Tony Ghannamy (W/R)
Engineering: Dan Artola, Jon Jolivet (W/R)
Fine Arts: Ian Fleet, Francois Gurik, Keren Penney (W/R)

Advisors to the Board Present: Cherine Hamam, Programming V.P.; Scott Robertson, Education V.P.

1.2 Call to Order:

Chairperson John Moore called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. Because it was the month of December, the "summer quorum" ruling was in effect and it was established that quorum was eleven.

2 Approval of Agenda:

Chairperson John Moore stated that the Minutes of the 57th Meeting were unavailable and approval of such should be struck (Item 3.4). Karen Takacs requested that the O Keefe Boycott (Item 7.5) be tabled. Karen Takacs asked that the Nicaraguan Coffee Motion (Item 7.4) be moved up and dealt with as soon as possible because of the guests in attendance. Jim Locke stated that this Item could be done as soon as his seconder arrives.

The Agenda was approved with these amendments.

3 Approval of Minutes:

3.1 Minutes of the 54th Meeting of the Board:

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the 54th Meeting of the Board.

Moved by: Morty Shapiro
Seconded by: Jim Locke

There were no objections to this Motion.

3.2 Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Board:

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Board.

Moved by: Morty Shapiro
Seconded by: Jeannette Chayer

There were no objections to this Motion.

3.3 Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board:

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the 56th Meeting of the Board.

Moved by: Morty Shapiro
Seconded by: Scott Bergen

There were no objections to this Motion.

4 Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson John Moore advised the Board that a written resignation dated November 18th had been received from Scott Townsend. He also wished to clarify that he has not asked a director to resign, however he has asked directors to reconsider their commitments. at which point they decide whether or not to resign.

5 Reports:

5.1 Co-Presidents' Report:

Karen Takacs stated that regular Executive Meetings were being held on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. at Loyola and all were welcome to attend.

Karen Takacs reported that the Co-Presidents had met with Dr. Maurice Cohen, newly-appointed Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations and Finance, and he appears to be on CUSA's side. The Co-Presidents are still trying to obtain the money in the Part-time Students' fund.

Scott White reported that the Board of Directors of the CUSA Centre Inc. met on November 27th for the first time in three years. The Board is made up of four CUSA representatives and two University representatives, and the two University representatives have veto power. The two University representatives are sympathetic to what CUSA is asking for, because CUSA owes the University money and they are helping CUSA to pay back what it owes. CUSA is asking for the interest earned on the account this year and last year, and this money will be used to offset the deficit and for maintenance of the Campus Centre. The Board will be meeting again on Monday, Dec. 8th.

Scott White reported that he had met with Bob Wyeth of the Capital Campaign office. He seems to be looking to have another referendum on making the contributions an obligatory fee for students, although he has not said anything directly. He is also looking for a volunteer student to be the Honorary Chairperson of the student section of the Capital Campaign. Scott White stated that he would appreciate hearing from anyone interested in the position or if anyone has any suggestions.

Karen Takacs stated that the candidate for the Student Researcher for the Status of Women Office had been chosen. Last year this position was held by Karen Herland. CUSA contributes a sum of money to pay the salary for this person. Ads were placed in the papers and memos sent to the Simone de Beauvoir Institute, the Women's Collective and the Women's Studies Students' Association. There were a total of eight applicants. All the applicants were interviewed by Linda Piovesan, Susan Hunt, Elizabeth Morey and Karen Takacs. The chosen candidate has an extensive background with women's groups more so than any other applicant.

MOTION 369:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors appoints
Cathy Duncan as Student Researcher to the
Status of Women Office.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Scott White

Discussion

Karen Takacs stated that Cathy Duncan was the unanimous choice of the Hiring Committee. The Status of Women Office has a two year mandate which will expire on September 1st, and the Student Researcher position will last until that time. If the Status of Women Office's mandate is extended then the Student Researcher position could be extended. Jim Locke asked if the Student Researcher will make reports to the Board. Karen Takacs responded that Cathy Duncan will be asked to come to the next Board meeting, and will give regular reports.

VOTE ON MOTION 369:

11/0/1 Carried

Scott White reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Governors met last week. The University Budget was discussed at that meeting, and

there are cuts being made in every area. The Academic Materials Fee is included in the Budget as a separate revenue item. The University will have a \$9-10 million deficit for the third year in a row.

Scott White stated that the Search Committee for the new Chancellor held two meetings and prepared a short list of candidates. He commented that he was disappointed with the process.

(8:15)

5.2 Executive Reports:

Karen Takacs announced that she was very pleased with the work that the External Committee had been doing.

Jeannette Chayer distributed the External Committee report, "Notes on the Third Meeting of the University Coalition for the Quality of Education" (BD 58-D2). She reported that she had been unanimously elected to the Central Council of ANEQ.

Education V.P. Scott Robertson reported that he and Paul Gott had met with Dr. Maurice Cohen, Vice-Rector, Institutional Relations and Finance, regarding student representation on Personnel Advisory Committees. Because the collective agreement is almost finalized, this probably will not happen for another three years. Scott Robertson added that Vice Rector Cohen supports the idea of student representation but he cannot risk the negotiations of the collective agreement. Karen Takacs asked if there were any strategies that could be used, such as bringing it up at Senate. Scott Robertson felt that it would probably be laughed out of Senate. He suggested that Dr. Alvi, President of CUFA (Concordia University Faculty Association) be approached. He also thought that it might be worthwhile to ask each Department to see whether they agree to having student representation.

Scott Robertson stated that long-term academic planning and priorities are currently being discussed in each Department. However teaching is not considered a priority - it is viewed as something for another committee to deal with. Karen Takacs said that the Political Science Students Association is making recommendations for the re-structuring of the Political Science Department, including making it more difficult for students by requiring a minimum grade point average. Karen Takacs recommended that all students' associations should pressure their Departments to look into teaching methods. Scott Robertson agreed, and stated that Academic Council will be used to that end. Mark Legault stated that a minimum grade point average is not included in the Political Science Students Association re structuring recommendations.

Programming V.P. Cherine Hamam stated that only one person had applied for the position of Winter Carnival Chairperson, Robert Douglas.

MOTION 370:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors appoints
Robert Douglas as Chairperson of the Winter Carnival.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Glen Cheverie

Discussion

Cherine Hamam stated that the carnival would be held from February 16th to 21st. Linda Piovesan asked what plans had been made. Robert Douglas stated that there was not much participation last year, and suggested that the number of days that the carnival runs be reduced from a week to a few days to ensure maximum participation. He said that he would like to have a ski trip to start and finish the carnival. and perhaps a trip to Quebec City mid-week. When asked about the cost involved, he stated that he would look for sponsorship from the breweries. Cherine Hamam added that there is a budget of \$8,000 for the carnival, which includes the honorarium for the Chairperson. Emma Tibaldo asked for more information regarding the plans. Robert Douglas said that he had no definite program as yet but the Campus Centre and Reggie's had been booked for the week. He hoped as well for the following: pub crawl with ECA, sculpture contest, trip to Quebec City, skating on the Rideau Canal in Ottawa cross-country skiing at Lacolle, ice fishing, earthball games, and the ski trips. He stated that he wanted to have various clubs and associations help organize the events. Glen Cheverie suggested that Directors give Robert Douglas their ideas for what they would like to see happen during carnival. Cherine Hamam stated that more than just ideas are needed- volunteers are required to make the carnival a success. John Moore, reflecting on his own experience with the carnival last year, stated that the groundwork should be laid before Christmas.

VOTE ON MOTION 370:

UNANIMOUS

Cherine Hamam continued her report stating that the videos for next term will be chosen on Monday and requested Directors to advise her if there are any specific films they wish to have presented or not. Regarding the mini-courses, she stated that a new co ordinator will be chosen for next term. The current co-ordinator, Ben Temper, had inter-personal problems with the teachers and the staff. The honorarium will be reduced from 30% of the gross to 10 12%. Cherine Hamam did not have the exact figures but the mini-courses have made approximately \$2000 this term. The Imaginus Print Sale held in October made approximately \$2100.

(8:30)

On behalf of the Liaison Committee, Jim Locke stated that an ad would run in the next issue of "The Link". and that the ad would show all the CUSA clubs and associations and where they stand in terms of fulfilling all the requirements. He added that at present, less than one-third of all the clubs and associations have completed their paperwork and held elections. The Liaison Committee will be asking the clubs and associations to rectify this situation by the end of January or to face possible budget cuts.

Karen Takacs reminded the Directors that the Board has to ratify the mandate of Jeannette Chayer even though the Co-Presidents had given their approval.

MOTION 371:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors gives its support to Jeannette Chayer for her position on the Central Council of ANEQ.

Moved by: Linda Piovesan
Seconded by: Jim Locke

VOTE ON MOTION 371:

UNANIMOUS

On behalf of Student Life V.P. Susan Hunt, Scott White reported that the CCSL (Concordia Council on Student Life) is going through a priority review process to determine what the priorities are in the areas of student services such as guidance, athletics, health services, etc. The CCSL fee will probably be increased. Karen Takacs suggested that the Directors talk to Susan Hunt for a historical perspective, and also that they let her know their opinions on the fee increase.

6 Question Period:

Linda Piovesan asked whether Paul Zaleski had resigned as had been reported. Jim Locke responded that he had spoken with Paul Zaleski last week and he had not resigned. He wants to continue on in the Co-Communications V.P. role, but has had a heavy workload to contend with.

Scott White stated that the first draft of the translation of the Brief to the Parliamentary Commission had been completed. Copies of the final translation should be available in the office by next week.

Scott White advised the Board that five more applications for the Cusacorp Board of Directors had been received, to bring the total number to 13 of whom seven will form the Board. Scott White stated that he had sent letters to the previous applicants advising them that they will be re-considered for the Board along with the new applicants in light of the developments at the last Board meeting. Karen Takacs asked for volunteers to form the Hiring and Appointments Committee, and Mark Legault Linda Piovesan and Jeannette Chayer volunteered.

7 New Business:

7.1 Performance of Chairperson/Steering Committee:

Chairperson John Moore stated that the sponsor for this Item was not present, and asked if anyone wished to address it. Glen Cheverie asked if anyone could explain the intent of the Item. Karen Takacs responded that she had had a conversation with Jon Jolivet on this subject, and that he felt that the Chairperson had not been holding Steering Committee meetings, nor had the Directors been contacted before meetings, nor had the agendas been distributed early enough before the meetings. John Moore agreed that there had been problems with the Steering Committee meetings, but refused to entertain the other complaints because procedure was followed as set out at the beginning of his mandate. He explained that the Steering Committee was comprised of two Directors, Maria Calderone and Karen Ashton and one Co-President and himself. The Steering Committee had not met for the last eight meetings due to confusion at times and also due to the fact that he

did not want to harangue people to make them attend meetings. A specific date and time had been set (Thursdays before Board Meetings at 5 15 p.m.) and he felt it was up to the individuals to attend. He stated that he would like to have a working Steering Committee because he needs other input when preparing the agendas. Karen Takacs suggested increasing the number of people on the Steering Committee. Scott Bergen volunteered and Glen Cheverie stated that he could come at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays. There were no objections to increasing the Steering Committee to four Directors. one Co-President and the Chairperson. Jim Locke suggested that quorum be the Chairperson. one Co-President. and one Director. Karen Takacs stated that the Steering Committee should be calling the Directors before the meetings. Glen Cheverie felt that Directors should not have to be called, they should take the initiative to show up. Scott White stated that when he was Chairperson at the beginning of last year, phoning the Directors helped to increase the attendance at meetings. Chairperson John Moore reminded the Directors that if they are displeased at any time and have valid concerns, they should feel free to bring up their concerns.

(9:00)

7.2 CUSA-ECA Relations:

Karen Takacs stated that the Co-Presidents had been unable to get in touch with the Engineers and as such no negotiations have taken place. However, she assured the Board that this is a priority for the upcoming year. Linda Piovesan stated that it would be good to get things started soon. Glen Cheverie suggested showing up at an ECA Board meeting. Karen Takacs promised the Board that there would be some developments by mid-January. Jim Locke stated that he would like to have a status report at the next meeting.

7.3 Cinema and Photography Students' Association Division:

MOTION 372:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cinema and Photography Students' Association be divided into the Cinema Students' Association and the Photography Students' Association.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Glen Cheverie

Discussion

Jim Locke explained that the Cinema and Photography Department has split, and that this Motion is a matter of keeping CUSA's house in order. Morty Shapiro asked why it is being done now and not at the beginning of the year and whether this will require an additional budget. Karen Takacs responded that two budgets had been submitted.

VOTE ON MOTION 372:

11/0/2 Carried

7.4 Nicaraguan Coffee:

MOTION 373:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA, due to economic considerations, no longer purchase Nicaraguan products for its operations whenever possible, but instead purchase products for its operations from the most cost effective source available.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Glen Cheverie

Discussion

Chairperson John Moore stated that this Motion was presented to overturn Motion 266, and that the new evidence required for this was economic considerations. He ruled that a majority vote would carry this Motion.

Chairperson John Moore gave the floor to Max Wallace a former Concordia student, to address the issue. Max Wallace stated that he agrees with the spirit of the Motion in that the best economic deal should be sought in most cases. However, he added that he learned today that a six-kilogram case of Nicaraguan coffee from Co-operative La Balance would cost \$79.92, making this the most cost-effective source for any type of coffee. As for the political ramifications of this Motion, he stated that the Canadian External Affairs Department refused to participate in the U.S.-imposed embargo on Nicaragua and that the Canadian Government gives development aid to Nicaragua. He quoted an External Affairs spokesperson who had said that the embargo on Nicaragua will drive it closer to the Soviet Union and had given as an example the Cuban crisis in 1959.

Linda Piovesan suggested that coffee not be made in the CUSA offices for health reasons as well as economic reasons.

Karen Takacs agreed that CUSA is in a critical financial state but stated that the new figures revealed tonight show that the Nicaraguan coffee is the best economic deal. She stated that the decision is no longer an economic one but a political one at this point.

Morty Shapiro stated that the decision should be based on economic factors. He added that it works out well for now that the Nicaraguan coffee is the best deal, but if the price goes up then CUSA would not be bound to serve over priced coffee.

Scott Robertson argued that no coffee should be made in the CUSA offices but that a cash donation be given to Nicaragua.

Glen Cheverie supported Morty Shapiro's view, and added that CUSA cannot continue to make political statements at a cost and that the Board should worry about immediate concerns before trying to save the world.

Emma Tibaldo found it "very scary" that people were trying without grounds to overturn a well-educated decision.

Steve Cabilio of the Central America Committee spoke in support of this project in Nicaragua, and added that economics are not relevant now as economics were not considered when the decision was first made. He stated that the project is co-ordinated by Oxfam, which is very cost-efficient in

bringing its resources to under-developed countries The Central America Committee distributed pamphlets on the coffee project.

(9:30)

Karen Takacs expressed the view that it is a very reactionary position to take to worry only about imminent academic decisions and not make political statements. She stated again that the decision being made at this point is a political one, and suggested that the Motion be withdrawn until such time as the Nicaraguan coffee is cost-prohibitive and really does become an economic issue.

MOVE to call the question.

Moved by: Emma Tibaldo
Seconded by Jeannette Chayer

VOTE:

Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 373:

5/8/2 Defeated

8 Date of Next Meeting:

Chairperson John Moore announced that the next meeting would be held on January 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall Building.

9 Announcements:

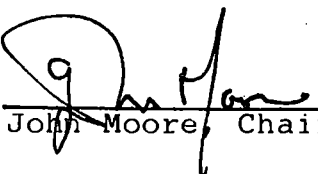
Karen Takacs invited everyone to the CUSA Christmas Party to be held on Friday, December 19th at 4:00 p.m. in H 762.

Linda Piovesan asked all interested Directors to sign up with Glen Cheverie to continue the Cusacorp investigation.

Cherine Hamam urged Directors to volunteer for the winter carnival.

10 Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.


John Moore, Chairperson


Jo Howard, Recording Secretary